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FOR CHARGE FROM DUBS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ELECTION REPORTING ACTIVITIES

REF: NEW DELHI 2483

1. WE HAVE READ CAREFULLY AND FULLY AGREE WITH YOUR INSTRUCTIONS TO CONSTITUENT POSTS SETTING FORTH LIMITATIONS ON COLLECTION ACTIVITIES AND MOVEMENTS DURING THE CURRENT ELECTION PERIOD. THE THRUST OF YOUR MESSAGES TO AVOID HYPERACTIVITY STRUCK US AS BEING EXACTLY RIGHT, GIVEN THE LEADERSHIP'S DEEP-ROOTED SUSPICIONS OF THE U.S.

2. AT THE SAME TIME, WE SEE NO REASON WHY THE EMBASSY AND CONSTITUENT POSTS SHOULD NOT CONTINUE TO HAVE NORMAL OVERT CONTACTS WITH CONGRESS MP'S AND OTHER ACTIVE POLITICAL LEADERS TO GAIN ADDED INSIGHTS REGARDING THE ELECTION
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CAMPAIGN AND ITS POSSIBLE OUTCOME. THE PARAMETERS YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED ON COLLECTION ACTIVITIES SUGGEST TO US THAT CONTACTS WILL BE PURSUED WITH MODERATION, DISCRETION AND IN A NON-AGGRESSIVE MANNER. ANY ACTIVITY THAT COULD BE PERCEIVED AS THE SUBORNING OF ANY OFFICIAL OR PERSON FOR ELECTION INFORMATION SHOULD, OF COURSE, BE AVOIDED AT ALL COSTS. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE NO DISAGREEMENT ON THIS SCORE.

3. THE COLD AND UNEQUIVOCAL MANNER IN WHICH FUND-SEEKERS
HAVE BEEN TURNED AWAY HAS BEEN NOTED WITH COMPLETE APPROVAL
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